



The Authority (Ofgem), the SEC Panel, SEC Parties
and other interested parties

27 June 2023

Dear Colleague,

**SMART METERING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME: DIRECTION TO RE-DESIGNATE SEC
SUBSIDIARY DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ECOS GO-LIVE**

1. On 24 September 2021, the Data Communications Company (DCC) consulted¹ on proposed changes to a number of Smart Energy Code (SEC) Subsidiary Documents that would be required to support Enduring Change of Supplier (ECoS) Go-Live. The affected documents included: the DCC User Interface Services Schedule (Appendix E); the Threshold Anomaly Detection Procedures (Appendix AA); the Service Request Processing Document (Appendix AB); the Inventory, Enrolment and Decommissioning Procedures (Appendix AC); and the DCC User Interface Specification (Appendix AD). The conclusion to that consultation was published on 9 February 2022².
2. During the consultation process, the DCC had been undertaking a replan of the ECoS Programme, and by the time the conclusions document was issued, a new ECoS Service Live Date of 30 June 2023 was proposed. As a consequence of the replan, the principal document changes to support ECoS that had been consulted upon were deferred until the new ECoS Service Live Date, However a subset of the changes that had been consulted upon were made to Appendices AB and AD as part of the June 2022 SEC Release³.
3. On 11 April 2022 the DCC consulted⁴ upon the “Go-live” version of the ECoS Transition and Migration Approach Document (Appendix AS) (ETMAD), publishing its response⁵ on 24 August 2022. The response noted that, at the time of its publication, there remained a number of outstanding issues with the drafting of the Go-Live version of ETMAD that required to be resolved before the document could be finally concluded upon.

1 <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/sec-subsidary-document-changes-for-enduring-change-of-supplier-arrangements/>

2 <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/conclusions-on-the-sec-subsidary-document-changes-required-for-the-enduring-change-of-supplier-ecos-arrangements-and-consultation-on-date-for-re-designation-of-certain-documents/>

3 <https://smartenergycodecompany.co.uk/latest-news/sec-v61-0-published-for-the-june-2022-sec-release-and-to-support-the-ecos-arrangements/>

4 <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/consultation-on-the-go-live-version-of-the-ecos-transition-and-migration-approach-document-etmad-sec-appendix-as/>

5 <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/response-to-the-dcc-consultation-on-the-draft-go-live-version-of-the-ecos-transition-and-migration-approach-document-etmad-sec-appendix-as/>

4. On 8 December 2022, the DCC consulted⁶ upon further changes to the Go-Live version of ETMAD, resolving the outstanding matters identified in the August 2022 document. The DCC concluded⁷ upon this consultation on 28 March 2023 and within this conclusions document, consulted upon a proposed re-designation date for the suite of subsidiary documents for ECoS Go-Live of 29 June 2023. The DCC has confirmed that no issues were raised in response to the proposed 29 June re-designation date.
5. The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Department”) developed a number of ECoS Go-Live decision making criteria, and shared these with a number of industry forums for discussion, including the SEC Panel, the SEC Operations Group, the SMKI Policy Management Authority, the Security Sub-Committee and the Technical and Business Design Group, as well as the DCC. The Department has received the necessary assurances to satisfy itself that these criteria have been met, including a Go-Live recommendation from the SEC Panel following review of DCC’s evidence against all the live service criteria. As a consequence, I am now directing the re-designation of the SEC subsidiary documents for ECoS live with effect on 29 June 2023. The direction text can be found at the end of this letter.
6. While I do not consider it to be an issue that should prevent ECoS Go-Live, the DCC has very recently informed the Department that issues have emerged with the DCC’s ECoS Device Candidate Selection Engine and that these issues may currently adversely affect DCC’s ability to conduct bulk migrations. I expect DCC to ensure that these issues are appropriately resolved before it commences bulk migration, noting that DCC intends to only commence with small numbers of migrations and slowly ramp up over time. I would remind DCC that it must consider the consumer experience as it resolves these matters and prior to deciding to commence bulk migrations. I would also note the reporting obligations placed on the DCC via the ETMAD and the ECoS Migration Reporting Regime document which rely on DCC resolving current issues with its ECoS Device Candidate Selection Engine promptly.
7. Please note that the updated versions of the impacted SEC subsidiary documents will be implemented alongside the scheduled June 2023 SEC Release (29 June 2023).

Yours faithfully,



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⁶ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/consultation-on-the-go-live-ecos-transition-and-migration-approach-document-etmad-ecos-migration-reporting-regime-emrr-and-ecos-migration-error-handling-and-retry-approach-emehra/>

⁷ <https://www.smartdcc.co.uk/consultations/conclusions-on-the-go-live-etmad-emrr-and-emehra-and-consultation-on-the-re-designation-date-of-sec-subsidary-documents/>

Direction to re-designate SEC Subsidiary Documents for ECoS Go-Live

This direction is made for the purposes of the smart meter communication licences granted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Gas Act 1986 (such licences being the "DCC Licence") and the Smart Energy Code designated by the Secretary of State pursuant to the DCC Licence (such code being the "SEC").

Words and expressions used in this direction shall be interpreted in accordance with Section A (Definitions and Interpretation) of the SEC.

Pursuant to Condition 22 of the DCC Licence and Section X5 (Incorporation of Certain Documents into this Code) of the SEC, the Secretary of State directs that, with effect from 29 June 2023:

- i) the DCC User Interface Services Schedule previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix E is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex A to this direction;*
- ii) the Threshold Anomaly Detection Procedures previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AA is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex B to this direction;*
- iii) the Service Request Processing Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AB is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex C to this direction;*
- iv) the Inventory, Enrolment and Decommissioning Procedures previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AC is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex D to this direction;*
- v) the DCC User Interface Specification previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AD version 5.2 Draft is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex E to this direction; and*
- vi) the ECoS Transition and Migration Approach Document previously designated and incorporated into the SEC as Appendix AS is hereby re-designated and incorporated in the form set out in Annex F to this direction.*

For the avoidance of doubt such re-designation of each of the above documents shall be without prejudice to anything done under the DCC Licence or the SEC on or after these documents first being designated, or to the continuing effectiveness of anything done under these documents prior to their re-designation (which shall have effect as if done under each of the re-designated documents as relevant).

This direction is also being notified to the SEC Administrator and an updated version of the SEC to reflect these changes will be available on the SEC website in due course.

Annex A: DCC User Interface Service Schedule v_AB 8.0
Annex B: Threshold Anomaly Detection Procedures v_AA 4.0
Annex C: Service Request Processing Document v_AB 9.0
Annex D: Inventory, Enrolment and Decommissioning Procedures v_AC 7.0
Annex E: DCC User Interface Specification v_5.2
Annex F: ECoS Transition and Migration Approach Document v_AS 3.0

Annex A1: DCC User Interface Service Schedule v_AB 8.0 marked up against v_AB 7.0
Annex B1: Threshold Anomaly Detection Procedures v_AA 4.0 marked up against v_AA 3.0
Annex C1: Service Request Processing Document v_AB 9.0 marked up against v_AB 8.0
Annex D1: Inventory, Enrolment and Decommissioning Procedures v_AC 7.0 marked up against v_AC 6.0
Annex E1: DCC User Interface Specification Version 5.2 marked up against Version 5.1 (noting that the mark-up also shows changes made via SEC modifications as part of the June 2023 Release and includes annotation).

No change marked version of ETMAD is provided because the go-live version of the document is materially different from the prior version, as it now serves a materially different purpose.